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The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news...

Fry takes the mickey

Stephen Fry has poked fun on Radio 4 at the county council's 'taste the strawberry' campaign

Nima strikes world gold

Northampton's Nima Ghavami, aged seven, won six gold medals at the World Dwarf Games in Belfast.

Festival set for take-off

The weekend's balloon festival starts tomorrow at its new home, Billing Aquadrome, Northampton.

New face of Northampton

Vision for the future is unveiled

STUNNING new pictures showing how major sections of Northampton could look after undergoing a multi-million pound redevelopment have been released.

The documents, which were revealed to a select audience at the Guildhall yesterday, not only show the new-look Grosvenor Centre, but also how the town's new railway station, cultural quarter and marina could look.

The leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor Tony Woods (*Lib Dem, St David's*) said the vision was aimed at making Northampton "an attractive place to settle down and bring up your family".

He added: "Exciting plans are now coming forward for the new town centre and this new vision complements them and provides a signpost to a higher level of ambition that will help to deliver maximum benefit to Northampton."

The publication of the new pictures comes less than a week after an initial vision for the town centre was revealed.

They show how the town could look if all of the proposed developments are taken forward.

John Markham, leader of the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC), acknowledged some of the plans could be controversial among residents but said they pointed to a "bright future".

He added: "This new concept will inevitably attract differing responses and reactions from people and we welcome that as part of the process.

"I think we all have an idea about what the concept includes, but positive suggestions and contributions from the public will be very welcome."

The plans have been jointly unveiled by Northampton Borough Council, the WNDC and Northamptonshire County Council.

They suggest Northampton could become a "market city" with a population of 300,000 between now and 2026.

To see a full version of the vision, go to www.themarketcity.co.uk on the internet.

■ **This picture shows the new marina, the new Avon HQ and the housing development that would be built on the site of the former power station** *Submitted picture*

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The Week in Pictures

PEACE: A woman offers prayers as she releases a paper lantern in the Motoyasu River with the backdrop of the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, western Japan. Hiroshima's mayor urged global leaders to back President Barack Obama's call to abolish nuclear weapons as Japan marked the 64th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack. *(AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)*

STUCK: A stoat was stuck in the front grille of a BMW Z4 for a 30-mile journey. A motorist spotted the animal in the road in Colsterworth, Lincolnshire, as he travelled home. He feared he had run the animal over but the following morning he found the stoat peeping out of the front grille of the car.

PESTS: A trainer walks his camels after racing at the Desert 2000 camel race at Boulia in central Queensland, Australia. Officials are now considering sending marksmen into the Outback in helicopters to take aim at camels, a fast-growing group of pests. *Picture by AP Photo/Steve Holland*

BABIES: Three meerkats have been born at Belfast Zoo. The new additions join three adult females and two adult male meerkats and follow the recent birth of a black-tailed prairie dog. The infant meerkats have just started to make their first public appearances.

Picture: Belfast Zoo/PA Wire

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Camper's body found

THE body of a Northamptonshire holidaymaker was found at a Welsh beauty spot two days after he was last seen wading into a river.

Lifeboats, the coastguard and police divers all joined in the hunt for 43-year-old Brackley man Oliver Ashby Johnson after he was last seen entering the Dulas River in Pantperthog, North Wales, at about 10am last Monday.

His body was not discovered until last Wednesday afternoon when it was spotted by police divers searching the lake close to the campsite where he had been staying with a friend.

Fellow campers at the site said they were shocked by the tragedy.

One holidaymaker from Birmingham, who had been camping next to Mr Johnson and his friend, described the two as "a lovely pair of lads".

He told reporters from the local newspaper, the County Times: "It's terrible to think that one of them ended up in the river. We did try to warn them both about the dangers of playing in the river.

"I've come to this part of the world all my life and know the river reaches depths of about 20ft in some places, but unfortunately they kept insisting they'd be okay."

Mr Johnson's body was found shortly after 1pm on Wednesday.

■ **Lifeboats, the coastguard and police divers all joined in the hunt for 43-year-old Oliver Ashby Johnson** *Pictures courtesy of Shropshire Star*

Specialist diver, Colin Samuel, who helped in the search for Mr Johnson, said: "He was camping with a friend who told us Mr Johnson entered the water at a certain point.

"Our diver found the body within about 10 minutes of entering the water.

"It was about 30 metres downstream from where Mr Johnson's friend told us he entered."

The deputy mayor of Brackley, Chris Blunden, led tributes to Mr Johnson. He said: "It's a terrible thing to happen, especially to someone so young who was clearly hoping to enjoy himself on holiday."

Charities hit by recession

CHARITIES in Northamptonshire say they are having to dip into their own reserves to help get them through the recession.

The drop in interest rates and a fall in the amount of donations has drastically affected charities in the county and has forced them to come up with extra sources of funding or cut back services.

John Wood, general secretary of Northamptonshire Association for the Blind, said: "It is noticeable there is less loose change in our collection boxes. We seem to be emptying less £1 and 50p coins.

"The interest on the reserves of charitable trusts has also dramatically decreased since 18 months ago.

"The biggest problem is being able to guarantee all our services. We are operating at a deficit and we have had to use our reserves to support our services."

Earlier this week, The Northampton Mencap Society made an urgent appeal for fundraising support to help keep their new £750,000 recreation centre going.

Volunteer Carol Elson said the recession was forcing people to tighten their belts and the charity was now in "desperate" need of more money.

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Council chief's apology to public

THE LEADER of Northampton Borough Council has issued an official apology for leaving his untaxed car in a town centre car park for more than three months.

Councillor Tony Woods *(Lib Dem, St Davids)* left his 12-year-old Vauxhall Astra in the basement car park of the Guildhall from September 2008 until January this year.

The move angered opposition politicians, who pointed out it would cost residents more than £1,000 to leave a car in the town centre for so long.

When the saga began, the council boss was reluctant to comment on the matter, but following the revelation earlier this week by our sister paper, the *Chronicle & Echo* that an official investigation had revealed he broke "codes of conduct" by leaving the vehicle for so long, Councillor Woods today issued a full public apology.

In a letter sent to the *Chron*, he said: "To cut a long story short, I got it wrong. I should not have parked my car on council property without an MOT or up-to-date tax disc.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again: politicians – from local councillors to MPs and Ministers – are in a position of trust and should have the decency to say 'sorry' when they make mistakes.

"To that end, it's vitally important I say what needs to be said and allow people to decide for themselves."

Members of a council standards committee will now decide what action should be taken against the authority's leader.

But residents of Northampton have given a mixed response to the saga, with some demanding punishment while others have labelled the issue petty.

Commenting on the *Chron* website an internet user who writes under the name of pipenslippers said: "Councillor Woods has brought the office of leader of the borough council into disrepute. He must step down."

Andrew, writing from Thailand, added: "This is a man of position who was elected by the people of Northampton and should have acted accordingly. Perhaps this is a trivial issue but it shouldn't be swept under the carpet."

But others argued any investigation was a waste of time and Councillor Woods should simply be made to pay a fine for his bad parking.

Javver from Northampton said: "I for one do not give a hoot if he parked an untaxed vehicle in the car park.

"It was not on a public road and was doing no harm to anyone."

■ Above and below: Tony Woods, Leader of the Northampton Borough Council

'I now cycle to work every day'

"I'M sorry" is not something you often hear from politicians. But I would like to say just that – I'm sorry.

Tuesday's coverage in the *Chron*, despite a lack of clarity over the content of a key report, was admirably fair and judicious.

To cut a long story short, I got it wrong. I should not have parked my car on council property without an MOT or up-to-date tax disc.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: politicians – from local councillors to MPs and Ministers – are in a position of trust and should have the decency to say "sorry" when they make mistakes.

To that end, it's vitally important I say what needs to be said and allow people to decide for themselves. Equally, we must let due process take its course to keep proceedings on a legal footing. A panel of the council's Standards Board will decide if and what steps to take on 18th August.

The silver lining in this is that I now cycle to work every day.

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Your View

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"No, because it never works out. We're not all Michelin-starred chefs and when you come home from work you haven't got time."

Michael Hitchens, aged 45, service engineer, of Roade

"No, I haven't. I sometimes get ideas but I've never actually gone on and made the dish. Also, they're always quite finicky."

Cathy Hitchens, aged 50, quality manager, of Roade

Jessica Batchelor, aged 21, recycling officer, of Kingsthorpe

"No, mainly because I don't have a pen and paper when I'm watching to write down the details."

Jo Bailey, aged 28, pre-school owner, of Brixworth

"No, I don't have the time and I can't get a lot of the ingredients at my local shop. If I needed new ideas I'd used the internet instead."

Are you going to the Balloon Festival this weekend?

"No, I'm going on holiday this weekend but if I wasn't I still wouldn't go. It's usually quite boring and everything costs a lot. It's not worth it."

Helen Reed, aged 52, housewife, of Moulton

"No, the weather usually puts me off. If it's bad weather nothing goes up and it's quite boring. If I knew it was going to be good weather I might."

Steven Reed, aged 56, accountant, of Moulton

Steve Wright, aged 42, policeman, of Abington

"No, we're going to Skegness on Saturday and we're busy on Sunday too. We probably would otherwise. It's less disruptive now it's out of town."

Justin Amos, aged 20, salesman, of Little Billing

"Yes I think I will, as I live nearby. It's a big event and it's better than not doing anything. It's a big social event and should be good fun."

Donation is full of sole

IMELDA Marcos, Victoria Beckham and the *Sex And The City* women are famous for their shoe collections – and now a mystery benefactor has proved a love of footwear is still alive and well in Northampton.

Staff at Barnados in Gold Street were amazed when they opened seven large boxes containing donations for the charity shop and found about 150 pairs of unworn shoes and boots of all designs, shapes and sizes.

Lucy Sparrow, joint voluntary manager at the shop, said the staff were "very pleased" by the donation.

She said: "A donation as large as this comes along once in a blue moon and it's brilliant when it does because you can imagine how much money it is going to make the charity.

"We certainly need the money and it's nice somebody thought of us down here at the bottom of Gold Street. Charity shops can often be forgotten during a recession and we're just so thankful for whoever brought these in."

The boxes were taken into the shop last Thursday by a mystery donor who did not leave their name.

Mrs Sparrow said she believed the shoes, which are new and have not been worn, may have been old stock from a warehouse somewhere in the town.

She said: "They are mostly orthopaedic shoes – children's, ladies' and men's – but they are not ugly and are all made from leather.

"We've priced them at £4.99 per pair and we're very hopeful we'll sell them all, although if we don't they won't go to waste. We'll split them up between other Barnados shops in the country.

"It's not unusual for someone to donate to us without wanting to leave their name but we just want to say thank you very much to whoever did bring them in."

■ **Lucy Sparrow, joint voluntary manager at Barnardos in Gold Street, with some of the shoes donated in seven large boxes by a mystery visitor**

Plan B needed for estates

COUNCIL chiefs have insisted they are working on a "plan B" to improve council houses in Northampton which have been left out of a multi-million-pound Government regeneration scheme.

Earlier this year, Northampton Borough Council announced plans to bid for £208 million of Government money to improve council houses in Bellinge, Blackthorn, Eastfield and Thorplands.

This month, the Government announced the council was only in line to secure £100 million and Eastfield must be one of the areas regenerated.

The decision means the council now has to pick just one of the three remaining estates to benefit from the cash.

But members of the council's cabinet have assured people living in Bellinge, Blackthorn and Thorplands they are working on back-up plans for the areas if they are not chosen as the second estate.

The leader of the authority, Councillor Tony Woods *(Lib Dem, St David's)*, said: "Clearly we need a plan B. I also hope we can choose the two estates we'll focus on as soon as possible to end the uncertainty people clearly have."

The money will see some council houses in the two chosen estates updated while the most rundown would be demolished.

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Offenders up in court again

A CRACKDOWN on criminals failing to comply with their court orders has seen 40 offenders hauled before magistrates by Northamptonshire Probation Service.

At a special session at Northampton Magistrates' Court, 15 probationers appeared as a result of breaching their community or supervision orders for the first time.

A further 25 made their second appearance for failing to carry out their punishments, which included a range of requirements such as regular visits with probation officers, unpaid work orders and domestic abuse programmes.

If an offender breaches an order once, a warning letter is sent to them by Northamptonshire Probation but after that they will be asked to return to court for possible re-sentencing, which could see additional punishments added to their order or a jail term being handed down.

Brian Johnson, Northamptonshire Probation's court team manager, said the regular court sessions for offenders who breached their orders showed the service took failure to comply with the conditions very seriously.

He said: "There will always be breaches. The challenge for us is to help offenders realise that supervision orders are not a waste of time, and that they can learn from them."

Mike is not the man he was

■ Mike Daley is virtually half the man he used to be after following a strict diet

Submitted pictures

IT WAS continual ribbing about his resemblance to actor James Corden, from TV's *Gavin and Stacey*, which made Mike Daley decide to lose weight.

He had always been big and though his friends had always mocked him for his size, the teasing started to get to him.

Mr Daley, who weighed 26st 3lbs, had also been diagnosed with non-alcoholic fatty liver syndrome and his doctor had warned him if he didn't lose weight, he could face permanent damage.

But it was a dinner with a friend which really made him think about his size.

Mr Daley, aged 38, from Brackley, said: "Over dinner he was very blunt and said 'you're bigger than I've ever seen you'.

"He told me about LighterLife; I'd tried for a year on my own to lose weight, so I read about it and decided to give it a go."

He joined LighterLife in November 2007 and shed 10st 4lbs in the following eight months, maintaining his current weight of 15st 13lbs for a year.

Dieters on the programme swap food for soups, shakes and bars and are reintroduced to food when they reach their desired weight.

Mr Daley added: "My family and colleagues were so pleased to see I was losing weight.

"I went back to see my consultant and he said he had never seen a liver recover so well. I don't get any name calling now and some of my friends have joined the programme, so I think losing so much weight has pricked their consciences."

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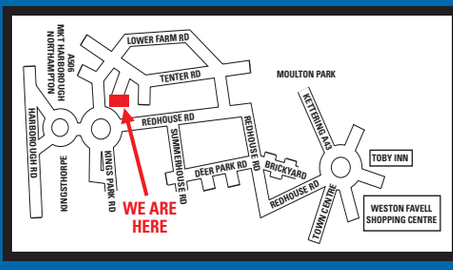

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■ Caroline Chisholm Primary School in Wootton Fields looks set for expansion

CE library picture

School to get room to grow

A POPLAR Northamptonshire school will be extended following reports of "huge pressure" on places.

Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet this week passed plans to expand Caroline Chisholm Primary School in Wootton Fields.

The £3.5 million expansion plan was recommended for approval by education experts at County Hall, who have reported "huge pressure on school places" because of the "unforeseen" expansion of Grange Park.

The council's cabinet member for schools, Councillor Andrew Grant *(Con, Brackley East)* said the demand for places at the school reflected its success.

He said: "I think this is very positive news for the school and for all the children and their parents.

"Caroline Chisholm is certainly delivering very well as a school and I think the demand there is for places shows just how well it's working."

The school was built in 2004 as part of the £25 million Wooldale Centre for Learning in Wooldale Road, Wootton Fields.

■ 'It is very positive news for the school.' - Northamptonshire County Council's cabinet member for schools, Councillor Andrew Grant

The complex also includes a nursery, secondary school and public library.

When the complex was built, it was the first council-run centre in the country to offer education on one site for children from as young as four right up to 18.

In his report on the need for the primary school's extension, Northamptonshire County Council officer, Neil Kitson, said the extension scheme was part of a wider plan to reduce pressure on school places around Grange Park and Wootton Fields.

He said: "There has been huge pressure on school places in both Wootton Fields and Grange Park, as demand for places has far exceeded pupil projections from the new housing growth.

"The solution involves extensions for the primary phases at both Caroline Chisholm in Wootton Fields and Woodland View at Grange Park.

"This provision had been planned for when Caroline Chisholm School was originally built."

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They represent part of a £300 million investment by London Midland in trains, stations and improving services. The new trains mainly run on services through Northampton, between Birmingham and London Euston.

Mac Mackintosh, engineering director at London Midland, said: "Now, more and more passengers will be travelling on the state-of-the-art Desiro trains instead of the older trains."

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Two men killed in crash were cousins

TWO of the three men who died in a horror crash on the M1 in Northamptonshire in the early hours of Saturday were cousins.

The accident happened on the northbound carriageway of the motorway at about 1.30am on Saturday when a black Renault Espace, in which six men were travelling, left the carriageway before crashing.

Two passengers from the Espace died at the scene, while another died later at Northampton General Hospital.

On Sunday morning, officers from Northamptonshire Police named the dead men as Fakhir Jabakhyl and cousins Ahmed Nassar Doulatzani and Hoshal Doulatzani.

Mr Jabakhyl, who was 22 years old, was from London, while Ahmed Nassar Doulatzani, aged 32, was from north west London and his 24-year-old cousin was from Willesden.

The remaining three men, who are aged between 30 and 37, remain in hospital where their condition has been described as serious, but not life threatening.

The accident happened between the Newport Pagnell services and junction 15 of the M1, close to Salcey Forest.

The motorway was closed from junction 14 for more than six hours as the emergency services attended the scene of the crash.

The police have confirmed a man has been arrested in connection with the collision, but do not believe any other vehicle was involved.

They have appealed for anyone who witnessed the crash, or saw the car immediately before the collision, to come forward.

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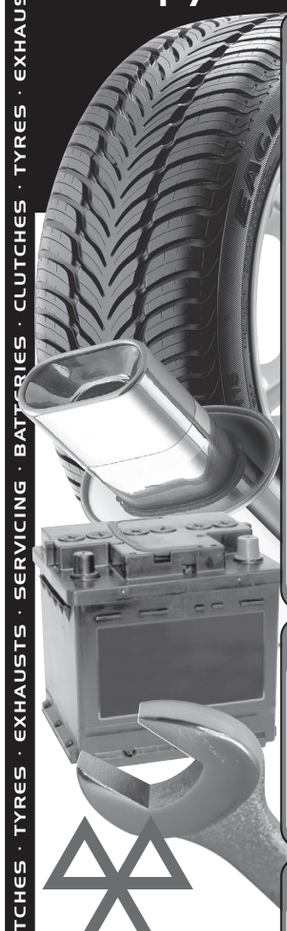

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Student in court after ID fraud

A SOPHISTICATED bank and ID fraud was discovered after a branch manager spotted withdrawal irregularities while helping out when short-staffed, a court heard.

Student Simeon Williams, 19, was caught trying to withdraw £5,000 from Barclays in The Drapery, Northampton, when the manager questioned why a teenager needed such a sum of money.

Northampton Crown Court heard he had already withdrawn £10,000 from a joint account set up in order to funnel funds stolen in an ID fraud.

Kate Grieve, prosecuting, said Williams had travelled to Coventry last August and opened a joint account with a man he was introduced to as Neil Carson.

Within days, two transactions were made into the new account from the real Mr Carson's account, involving £25,500 stolen from him.

On August 27, Williams then made £5,000 withdrawals from Barclays in Wellingborough Road and Harborough Road, before trying it again at The Drapery branch.

Miss Grieve said the branch manager noticed how much had already been withdrawn and questioned him why he needed such sums of money.

While Williams was delayed in the branch, the manager alerted the police.

Williams, of Gladstone Road, Spencer, pleaded guilty to possessing and converting criminal property and was sentenced to 14 months' youth custody.

Steven Evans, mitigating, said: "He knew when first approached there was something not quite right about this. When he went to Coventry, he knew he was keeping company with some serious individuals.

"He's deeply ashamed and sorry for the part he played."

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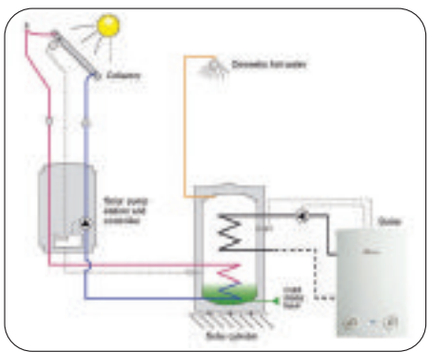

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MP says homes plan is 'a joke'

ONE of Northampton's top politicians has blasted proposals to build thousands of houses close to the edge of the town, labelling them "a joke".

Detailed plans for the expansion of Northampton, Daventry and Towcester were published by the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit (JPU) at the end of June.

The group, which includes the leaders of Northampton Borough Council, South Northamptonshire Council and Daventry District Council, published plans showing where more than 40,000 homes could be built to meet Government expansion targets.

One of the largest areas highlighted for development was a section of land referred to as "Northampton South-East".

The JPU said the land, which is between Grange Park, Wootton and Little Houghton, could take up to 18,000 homes.

The suggestion has been condemned by Northampton South's Conservative MP, Brian Binley.

He said: "It simply reinforces my view that this whole project is misconceived and will be immensely damaging to our county town and the rural areas which surround it.

"My objections have been strengthened as a result of the publication of that document."

The MP said he feared many villages in the Northampton South-East area would be "swamped" by any large development and some small communities could be "annihilated".

Offering an alternative solution, he said existing rural villages should be expanded, rather than new ones created.

He said: "We should look to a sensible policy of building in our rural villages without overwhelming them. For instance, Hackleton, Horton and Piddington could take another 100 to 120 homes to add to the 1,000 they already have, which would bring sizeable benefits to the village by providing homes for the young people who wish to continue their lives in those communities."

Members of the JPU have acknowledged the plans will be "hugely controversial", but asked those who oppose them to offer alternative solutions.

The proposals have gone on public display and the JPU has reassured residents they are not the final plan.

A statement issued by the organisation said: "The Emergent Joint Core Strategy is not the complete plan. We will consider and respond to the feedback received. Further evidence will then be gathered and studies carried out before the next stage in the production of the Joint Core Strategy."

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Northampton-born actress Lesley Joseph, best known for playing Dorien in comedy *Birds of a Feather*, will also appear in the play, which has been shown to a worldwide audience of more than two million so far.

A spokeswoman for the theatres said a portion of each ticket sold for the production would go to the V-Day Fund, which provides aid to victims of domestic violence.

She said: "Sex has never been funnier or more poignant than in this collection of original stories gathered by the show's dynamic creator, New Yorker, Eve Ensler.

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Sally Lindsay, who is best known for playing barmaid Shelley in *Coronation Street*, was also a member of the St Winifred's School Choir which had a hit with *There's No-one Quite Like Grandma*.

Meanwhile Lisa Riley played Mandy Dingle in *Emmerdale* and later presented *You've been Framed*.

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Semi Detached (15m²)	Single	200	11,300	30.43
	Double	181	10,300	23.84
Terraced (10m²)	Single	185	10,800	24.34
	Double	148	8,300	19.07

Homesure are no strangers to being pioneers in the home improvement market. Having been the first local company to openly display their prices in newspaper advertisements, they have now launched an easy to use website where customers can get an instant online quote. Visit www.onlinewindowquotes.co.uk

Homesure are committed to providing the most energy efficient products for all our customers

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Homesure Customers Reduce Energy Loss by 90%

You've probably heard that the amount of energy we waste in our homes is directly linked to climate change. You'll definitely have noticed the ever increasing cost of energy for heating your home. But did you know that the type of glass you use in your windows can help your home be more energy efficient?

By using Pilkington energiKare™ in your windows you will:

* Improve the energy efficiency of your home
* Save money on your heating bills
* Become more environmentally friendly!

Simply using Pilkington energiKare™ as the double glazing unit in your windows reduces the amount of energy lost through the windows by 90%! Homesure are the first Pilkington energiKare™ approved installer in the area and install this fantastic new glass with all its window range, ensuring every Homesure customer has the maximum benefits from replacement windows. Homesure have achieved a British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC) Window Energy Rating on it's product range of windows and doors and are still able to offer the very best deals around for local customers who are looking to achieve the best levels of energy savings whilst still choosing the most stylish designs available. Windows provide light and beauty into a home, unfortunately they can also be a major source of energy loss in our homes requiring increased energy from boilers and radiators to replace that heat which is lost; this results in an overall increased energy bill for the home.

Pilkington energiKare™ has been developed to prevent energy loss through their latest energy efficient glazing product. This energy efficient glazing not only returns heat back into the home greatly reducing heat loss, but it also maximises energy gain from a free energy source - solar energy.

This makes Pilkington energiKare™ a leader in energy efficient glazing.

Homesure have for many years been the areas most popular choice for Home Improvements, Managing Director John Connolly said "I always try and put myself in the shoes of my customers, I know I would want to have the very best and latest products on the market available to me at a reasonable and fair price. That is why I always make sure that Homesure is the first company to offer our customers products fitted as standard that make their new windows not only look great, but reduce fuel consumption and save as much money as possible. We have samples of the new energy efficient products for customers to view in our newly refurbished showroom. I invite customers to come along and join me for a cup of coffee and discuss any new windows, doors or even a conservatory they may be considering, I would be pleased to show them around."

Pilkington energiKare

Take A Look At The Benefits Of Pilkington energiKare

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As one of the leading home improvement companies in the area, Homesure have launched a transparent pricing website. A simple to use, no details required, online quotation service. This enables homeowners to obtain reassurance and a comparative quote for their peace of mind.

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Heritage day on the buses

TOP heritage sites and buildings will be open to the public next month, as part of European Heritage weekend and a fleet of classic buses which have not been seen in the town centre for almost half a century will provide transport to some of the venues.

It is 50 years since the classic Daimlers – of which there are only seven still in existence – first operated in the town but for one weekend only they will again grace the town's streets on five tours which will show visitors and residents the best the town has to offer, including many sites not normally open to the public.

The 1959 Daimler CVG6s have Roe bodies with a "Manchester" fibreglass front grill. More than 50 examples arrived in the town in the 20 years following their introduction and it is a testament to their longevity that Northampton continued to operate many of the buses long after the rest of the world had moved on to rear engine, front entrance buses.

As part of European Heritage weekend the buses will provide free transport on two routes linking town buildings open to the public and one linking with river and canal trips.

A featured village tour will allow passengers to see a chosen village within the borough and there will also be a themed tour, which this year will be "entertainment venues".

The East Midlands Vehicle Preservation Group in association with Northampton Borough Council is looking for vehicle owners, drivers, conductors and stewards to guide the public during the weekend, which takes place from September 12 to 13.

A spokesman for the group said: "During the Saturday and Sunday we seek to recreate the style of transport seen in Britain in the 1950s and 1960s to enhance Northampton's weekend visitor experience."

For information call Northampton 460316 or email pipwrite@aol.com.

■ **The old-style Daimler double deckers which were once a familiar sight on the streets of Northampton** *Submitted picture*

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Four homes to suit all needs

THESE four Northampton properties are all available to rent from Ashby, telephone Northampton 810660.

Clockwise, from above: **Wootton Fields**. A large four-bedroom detached house in immaculate condition with a garage, front and rear gardens, cloakroom and en suite, three double bedrooms and one single. Unfurnished. £1,100 pcm.

Grange Park. A large two-bedroom flat furnished to a high standard. Allocated parking, easy access to the M1 and A45. One reception room, kitchen with appliances. £740 pcm.

St James. A three-bedroom terrace in Weedon Road. Single garage and rear garden, three double bedrooms, modern kitchen/breakfast room. Unfurnished. £695 pcm.

Cliftonville. A two-bedroom flat in the town centre with parking, kitchen with appliances, two double bedrooms, en suite shower room and bathroom. Available fully furnished. £675 pcm.

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- Outside is an enclosed rear garden

KINGSTHORPE £645 pcm

- Unfurnished mature three bedroom semi detached house
- Lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and luxury bathroom
- Outside there are gardens to the front and rear

ST JAMES £610 pcm

- Unfurnished three bedroom semi detached house
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- Gardens to the front and rear

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Ronnie Liam
Born at 12.22pm on 8th August 2009 weighing 5lbs, 8½ Oz. A Brother for Charlie, a Nephew for Lisa and Mark and a Cousin for James and Liam. All our love always, Mum and Dad (Bridger) xx

STEWART/SMITH
To Laura & Phil
A Daughter
Lily Rose
Born 5th August 2009
A Sister for Billy James
Congratulations to you all
Love from all the family

TACK
Nicholas and Francesca (nee Tuzzeo)
Are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their first child, a beautiful baby boy
Seth Tristano
Born on 06.08.09 at 12.12pm weighing 8lb 11oz.
Thank you to all staff at NGH.

IT'S A GIRL

WALLS
Jamie, Charlie and Oliver are the proud big Brothers to their new Sister
Ella Elizabeth Helen
Born to Brendan and Theresa on Monday 3rd August, weighing 8lbs 4oz. Special thanks to Doctor Aldridge and Midwive's Kym, Sally and Winnie.

Birthdays

Keziah ALLEN
Happy Birthday
Love Dad
x

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Caroline WALTERS
Happy Birthday
Love Steven
x

18th Birthday

Happy 18th
Jack GOOKEY
Happy 18th Birthday Jack!
Lots of love from The Legend, Aunt Lou and Uncle Jono
x x x

Happy 18th
SCOTT RADWELL
Happy 18th Birthday Scott
Have a great day ... with all our love
Mum & Dad xxxx
Have a great time at Uni and I'm sure you wont miss too many Cobblers games!!!

18th Birthday

Becca TOWNSON
Congratulations Becca on your 18th Birthday.
Lots of Love from Mum, Tim, Laura, Sarah, Grandma, Grandad and Carol
x x x

18th Birthday

18 ALREADY!!
Ashleigh DRIVER
Wishing our wonderful Grandaughter Ash a very Happy 18th Birthday. Good luck at Uni.
All our love Nan, Pap & Gran x x x

Jack Harry GOOKEY
To our darling Son.
Happy 18th Birthday.
Hope you have a wonderful day.
Love you.
Mum, Dad
& Archie x x x
HAPPY EIGHTEEN

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Love from Mum, Dad, Stan, Jade & Josh
x x

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In Memoriam

BUNTING
Bob
Died 12th Aug 2000
Dearly loved Husband of Jill. Treasured Dad & Grandad to Andrew & Joanne and their families.
We all miss you so much Bob.
All our love always
x x x

BYRNE
Di
Died 11th August 2008
Days have gone we used to share
But in our hearts You are always there
Your loving Husband John and family
x x x

BYRNE
Diana
God called your name so softly
That only you could hear
And no-one heard the footsteps
Of Angels drawing near
It broke our heart to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you Mum
The day God took you home.
Miss you always
Debbie, Tricia, Eddie, Sarah & Grandchildren
x x x

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BYRNE
Diana
1st Anniversary.
As the month of August returns once more,
Silently opening memories door
No length of time can take away,
Our thoughts of you from day to day.
Gentle Jesus up above,
Please give Diana all our love.
Loving Brother Michael,
Sister-in-Law Kathleen,
Nephews Mark, Michael,
Nieces Michelle and Bernadette.
R.I.P x x x

In Memoriam

BYRNE
Diana
11-08-08
We can't have those days back when we were all together
But secret tears and loving thoughts will be with us forever.
Love Bridget, Vinny & Family

COLEMAN
John Francis (Jack)
Loving Husband of Nora.
So sadly missed.
Died 10-08-98.
Father to Tom & Kathleen.
Father-in-Law to Norraine & Kate.
Loving Grandad to his Grand Children.
May the winds of love blow softly for you to hear,
that we love and miss you, as it dawns another year.
May you R.I.P.

DOWNING
Mark
August 11th 2000.
We loved you then,
We love you still.
Forget you Son,
We never will.
Love Mum,
Dad and Nan

DOWNING
Mark John
Left us all on August 11th 2000
Simply to tell you, I still miss and love you every second of everyday.
My heart is still broken & wishing you were here with me.
Love always
Your Wife Jean
x x x

HILL
Harold Charles
Remembering a loving Husband and Dad who died August 7th 2008.
Sadly missed along lifes way,
Quietly remembered every day.
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
Love everlasting.
From Wife Mollie, Children Sue, Gary, Bob, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

McGOWAN
Martin
Died 9th August 2008,
A very special man who touched so many peoples lives.
I'll never forget you
love Marina
xx

MAULE
Our precious Hollie left us on 9th Aug 02.
Just a prayer from those who loved you, just a fond memory and true, in our hearts you'll live forever, because we thought the world of you.
Loved and sadly missed by all your Family
xxxxxxx

McATEER
Rita
Died August 7th 2005.
Treasured memories of a wonderful Mum and Nan.
We never cease to think of you
We never cease to care
We only wish we could turn around
And see you standing there.
We all love and miss you Mum.
Always in our thoughts
x x x

Juliana OPOKUA & Patricia OPEABEA
Ten years today you were taken from us
The month of August comes with sad regret
It brings back a day we would like to forget
You passed away without goodbye
But memories of you will never die
Mum, Dad, Sister Eunice and Brother Daniel
x x x x

SECKINGTON
Duane
Will always be remembered as a loving Husband, Father, Son,Brother, Grandchild, Uncle, Nephew and friend.
Our Family will always have wonderful memories of him.
From all his family and Chris.
Rest In Peace

MCATEER — Treasured memories of Rita. Miss you.
Sylv & Family

OAKEY — Maurice. Passed away 9th August 2003. Sadly missed but always remembered by all the family.

OLMA
Alfred
Treasured memories of my dear Husband who passed into God's keeping August 11th 1994.
I miss you every day
Fred
God be with you.
Your ever loving Wife Mary.

OLMA
Alfred
A Dear Father and Grandfather who passed away 11th August 1994.
Forever in our hearts and thoughts.
Vi, George, Darrell, James and Amy

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Derrick
19.06.26 - 12.08.06.
We're sending a dove to Heaven,
With a parcel on its wings,
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses,
Wrapped in a million hugs,
To say how much we miss you,
And send you all our love.
God bless.
Maureen, Graham and family

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
SPILLANE
CATH
29/03/61 - 11/08/06
There's a special Sister with you Lord
She's been there now 3 years,
Hold her closely for a while and help to stop our tears.
Gently stroke her smiling face and give her all our love.
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THE Jimny is Suzuki's miniature 4x4, a model with the dubious honour of being one of the longest-serving cars currently on sale in the UK. It was launched in 1998 and it has battled on with only minor revisions through to the present day.

So why would customers want to purchase a Jimny when there's plenty of other metal out there that's years younger? The answer lies in the dynamics of the 4x4 market and the simple fact that while other small 4x4s have evolved, growing softer and more car-like, the Jimny has stood still. These days, there's nothing else quite like it.

Back in the days when Suzuki was designing the Jimny, off-road vehicles were used for driving off the road. They needed to be able to do this without getting damaged or stuck. Since then, such abilities have grown less and less important as the 4x4 has become a trendy lifestyle accessory for buyers who'd never dream of venturing away from the Tarmac. The market has moved away from the Jimny but there are still people out there who want an affordable off-road vehicle and Suzuki's stalwart largely has them all to itself.

The downside of the Jimny's undoubted ability when the going gets bumpy and grip becomes scarce is a rather choppy ride when it isn't. There's bounce in the heavy duty suspension over undulations in the road and it's not particularly cosseting over potholes and other surface imperfections. The Jimny has a decent turning circle and good visibility for manoeuvring around town but it doesn't respond well to brisk cornering where the elevated ride height contributes to pronounced body lean. All will still be forgiven by those who use the Jimny in its native habitat. The sturdy 4x4 mechanicals and low range gearbox make it genuinely capable in the rough. Being comparatively light and narrow, it will even access areas where larger, more expensive off-road vehicles would struggle to tread.

If you want a small 4x4 to produce the goods in the mud there's nothing better at this price or anything close to it.

Power is supplied by a 1.3-litre petrol engine with 84bhp and 110Nm of torque. It's not the liveliest unit, with 0-60mph taking 14 seconds and the Jimny running out of puff at just 84mph. It's also a little too vocal at higher revs, so it's at its best either off-road or around town where higher speeds aren't necessary. A five-speed manual gearbox comes as standard but a four-speed auto is also available.

The tough ladder frame chassis and low range transfer box mark the Jimny out as a proper 4x4 from a time before the glut of soft-roaders and crossover models filled the market.

Suzuki's Drive Select 4x4 system allows the driver to select high or low range 4x4 modes as well as a front-wheel drive setting while on the move at speeds of up to 62mph. The Jimny also has 190mm of ground clearance and is designed with its wheels pushed right out to each corner of the car, producing steep approach and departure angles. The Jimny may be small but it looks the part with its chunky dimensions and neat detailing.

There are other small 4x4s on the market. Many of them have a more modern feel and look to them but none are anything like as good off-road.

The Jimny also looks attractively priced compared to most of them, considering that it has a full-time 4x4 system with a low-range gearbox.

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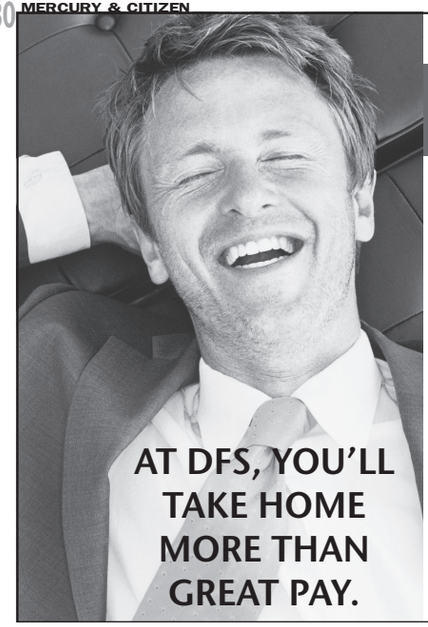

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Chelsea landed the first trophy of the new season as they saw off Manchester United on penalties in the Community Shield at Wembley

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Graeme Swann's 62 wasn't enough to stop England's hammering at the hands of Australia in the fourth Ashes Test

Saints are winners

Saints regained the NCL's Hevey Twenty20 title with a final win over Finedon Dolben at the County Ground on Sunday

Foden settles on full-back

SAINTS star Ben Foden says he will be focusing totally on playing at full-back this season.

Exactly where the England back should play has been the subject of huge debate ever since he signed for Saints from Sale.

Foden originally joined Saints because he had no chance of playing in his favoured scrum-half position while at Edgeley Park.

Sale played him at full-back and after flitting between the two for the first half of the season, Foden made the number 15 jersey his own with some stunning displays and he is intending to stay there.

Foden, who earned his first England start against Argentina on the wing at the end of last season, said: "This year I'm focusing mainly on full-back.

"It suits me best and I think I produced my better performances in that shirt.

"I sort of made it my own for Northampton last season and I want to remain focused, work hard in that position and improve. I want to show everyone I can play to a high standard and push hard for an England spot."

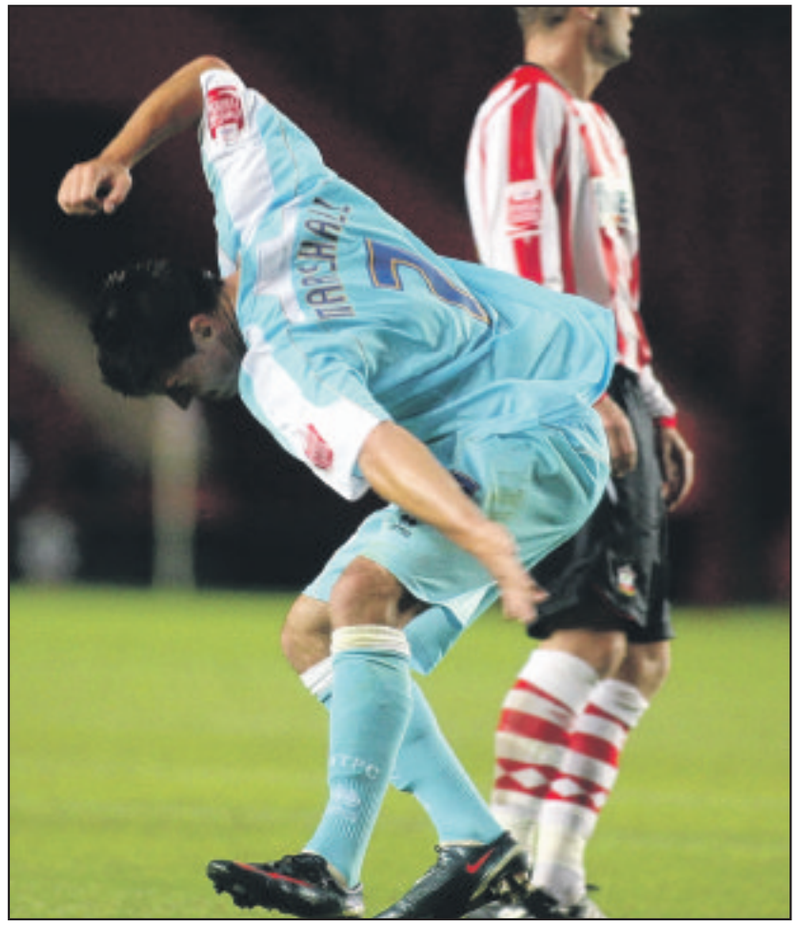
Foden divided his training between scrum-half and full-back last season, but solely concentrating on one position may yet help him challenge Delon Armitage for the England full-back position, though the London Irish star has been very impressive on the international stage.

"You have to make a decision at some point in your career," said Foden, who is in France with the rest of the Saints squad this week as they prepare for their first friendly against Bordeaux tonight.

"I came through the academy ranks as a No. 9 and as I moved into the first team at Sale they pushed me into the wing/full-back role.

"I left Sale because of that. I wanted to play a bit at nine, but I realised about halfway through last year that perhaps 15 was the better position for me."

Gray stands firm over Jackman bid



■ **FRUSTRATION – Cobblers winger Ben Marshall shows his disappointment after missing a chance at Southampton on Tuesday night**

STUART GRAY says the Cobblers won't be 'bullied' into selling star man Danny Jackman and has described the bid made for the player as 'embarrassing'.

Gray was talking after his side were dumped out of the Carling Cup 2-0 at Southampton on Tuesday night in a match which underlined an urgent need for some class in midfield.

Abdul Osman and Ryan Gilligan endured a tough night in the middle of the park as the Saints progressed to the second round, and although there is no guarantee of it, Jackman would surely provide a much-needed edge in that area.

The player of the year travelled down to the south coast with the squad, but failed a fitness test before the game and did not feature in the line-up.

Gillingham are the club who are currently tracking Jackman, and have made an offer which is understood to be in the region of £50,000 for the player's services.

But Gray isn't interested in selling, and said: "Where do I go and get a Danny Jackman if we accept the offer we've had for him?

"I wouldn't be able to do it. We've only had one bid so far, and the bid we've had has been embarrassing for a player of his ability.

"We won't be bullied into selling him and we haven't had an offer yet which matches our evaluation."

And he added: "We're probably going to have to have his knee scanned this week.

"It was touch and go as to whether he would play last night, and he wasn't that far away."

Gray's team have now failed to score in both their opening games – and if you take that record back to the back end of last season, it extends even further, totalling almost 400 minutes.

But the manager is not placing too much emphasis on that statistic, and is confident his side can get among the goals.

"Not scoring is a bit of a concern but I'd be more concerned if we weren't creating chances," he said.

"Steve Guinan could have scored last night and Andy Holt could have scored last night.

"They both got into good positions but didn't hit the target.

"Rickie Lambert showed his quality – when he got a chance, he took it. Maybe we need to be demanding a bit more of our centre-forwards."

The Cobblers, who opened their season with a 0-0 draw at home to Macclesfield last weekend, are back in Coca-Cola League Two action this Saturday at Chesterfield (ko 3pm)

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